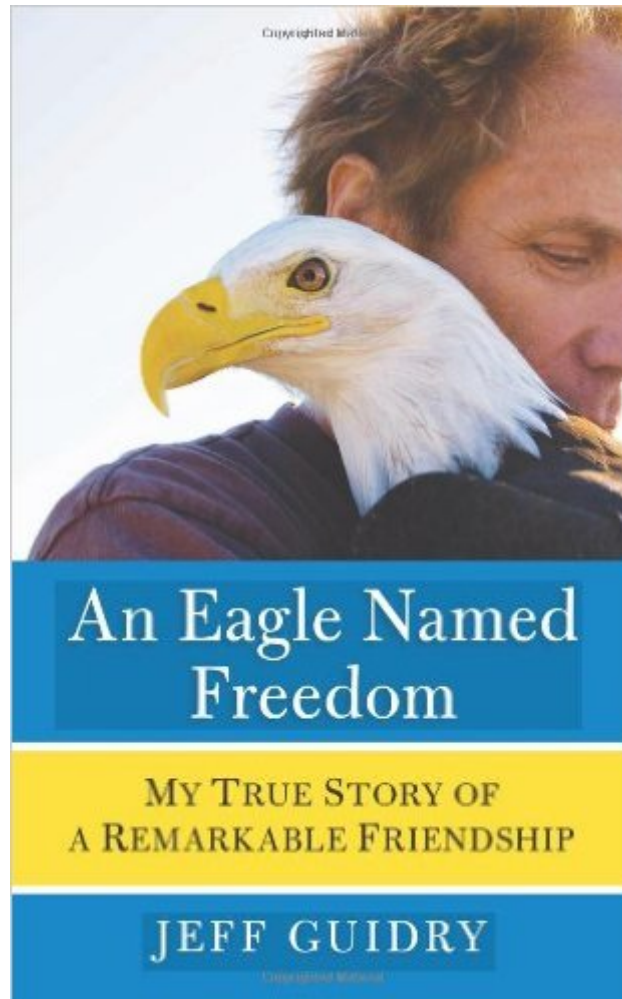


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An Eagle Named Freedom: My True Story Of A Remarkable Friendship



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I was one of those who first found out about *Freedom* and Jeff from the widely circulated email that Jeff had originally sent to a friend, but had developed a life of its own. Like most who have commented on the email, I was deeply moved by the touching story of the eagle and the man and forwarded it to all of my friends. When I saw the book "*An Eagle Named Freedom*" I ordered it immediately and have just finished reading it; it is both inspiring and saddening as it describes the lives of a young eagle and a man who are brought together by unexpected circumstances; it is a story of faith, hope, and an unusual friendship between an eagle and a man. Jeff Guidry was a volunteer at the Sarvey Wildlife Care Center at the time a very sick baby eagle was brought in with

broken wings. The baby eagle's chances for survival didn't seem too promising but the team at Sarvey began a fight to try and save the baby eagle. It won't be a spoiler to say the baby eagle survived and came to be known as Freedom; this is the story of that struggle for survival and the bonding that took place between Jeff and Freedom. Mr. Guidry describes the process in a very interesting, easy to read manner; he also brings in much of the atmosphere that characterizes the Northwest region of the USA. You begin to get a better feeling for the love of the outdoors, the traditions of the native tribes and the general culture that permeates that region. Mr. Guidry goes on to describe his efforts to help Freedom compensate for his inability to ever fly, and then describes how Freedom helped him deal with the cancer that threatened his life. The story describes other "wild things" that have an impact on Jeff and Sarvey, Sasha, the playful cougar, and an assortment of birds, bears, and others that are brought to Sarvey for help and rehabilitation. He also tells the story of Mr. Timms, a remarkable little squirrel that wound up living in Jeff and Lynda's home. Anyone who has loved an animal can relate to this story; all of us who have had the privilege of having an animal share their lives with us can join in the joy and sadness of life and death described in this book which I recommend to all of you.

"I want to fly like an eagle til I'm free. Fly like an eagle, let my spirit carry me." -- Steve Miller Band, 1976
"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings" -- Old Hymn
"Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength. They will mount up with wings like eagles; they will run and not get tired; they will walk and not become weary." -- Isaiah, 40:31
This is one of the most beautiful stories about how love can transform wildlife and human lives. Jeff Guidry saves an injured eagle whose wings were broken. Traumatized and no longer able to fly, the eagle named Freedom relies on her human protectors to act as her wings. Jeff Guidry's life changed as soon as he met the injured eaglet. He worked tirelessly with the team at Sarvey Wildlife Care Center. Fortunately for all, the eagle recovers and Jeff, who was a volunteer at Sarvey became solely responsible for the beautiful raptor. In 2000 Jeff Guidry became as grounded as his eagle, Freedom. He was diagnosed with Stage 3 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Equally traumatized as his beautiful bird was when he rescued her, Jeff Guidry receives a wonderful gift from his bird. Coping with the grueling rounds of chemotherapy, Jeff fought back with a spirit not too different from his indomitable eagle. He walked Freedom regularly and watching his bird develop strength and confidence inspired him to do likewise. Jeff was declared cancer free and the bond he had with his eagle was nothing short of miraculous. The day he received the good news, Jeff rushed to the Sarvey Center to walk his beautiful bird. The bond between the two was extraordinary; Freedom seemed to sense her friend's spectacular recovery. She threw her large

wings around Jeff's shoulders, making Jeff the recipient of an aquiline hug. By March of 2008, Jeff shared his avian experience with his friend Gayle via e-mail. By going to bat for a bird in need and sharing her story, that e-mail found its way around the world. People marveled at the kind man who gave an eagle a "chance at life" and how she in turn helped him to reclaim his. This is a beautiful story that might even make you cry. I cannot recommend it highly enough and all who read this will be raised up on eagle's wings.

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